

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
Mathews, Hallett H.)
Serial No. New Application)
Filed Herewith)
METHODS AND DEVICES FOR) November 12, 2003
INTERBODY SPINAL STABILIZATION) Atty Docket No. 4002-3449/PC466.02

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22303-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 C.F.R § 1.56 and 1.98,
Applicant discloses the following references on the attached Information Disclosure
Citation Form.

This information has not been previously submitted in this application by Applicant. Copies of the references are not being provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) since they were previously submitted or cited in the parent application, Serial No. 09/918,332, filed July 30, 2001.

Express Mail Label No. EL 984 269 385 US. Date of Deposit Nov. 12, 2003
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service
“Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above
and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Patricia E. Allegro
Signature of person mailing paper or fees

The filing of this information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56 or that any information cited is prior art.

This Statement is being submitted with the filing of the application. Therefore no fees are believed due for its consideration. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted:



Douglas A. Collier
Reg. No. 43,556
Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarty
McNett & Henry LLP
Bank One Center Tower
111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5137
(317) 634-3456

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number	New Application
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Mathews
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

Attorney Docket Number

4002-3449/PC466.02

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (If known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		6,248,110	06/2001	Reiley et al.	
		6,171,299 B1	01/2001	Bonutti	
		6,127,597	10/2000	Beyar et al.	
		6,102,928	08/2000	Bonutti	
		5,972,015	10/1999	Scribner et al.	
		5,888,220	03/1999	Felt et al.	
		5,827,289	10/1998	Reiley et al.	
		5,571,189	11/1996	Kuslich	
		5,108,404	4/1992	Scholten et al.	
		5,059,193	10/1991	Kuslich	
		4,969,888	11/1990	Scholten et al.	
		2001/0049527 A1	12/2001	Cragg	
		2002/0026195 A1	02/2002	Layne et al.	
		2002/0099384 A1	07/2002	Scribner et al.	

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ² -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (If known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Application of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		WO 99/29246	06/1999	PCT		
		WO 99/59669	11/1999	PCT		
		WO 99/02214	01/1999	PCT		
		WO 99/08616	2/1999	PCT		
		WO 98/56301	12/1998	PCT		
		WO 00/67650	11/2000	PCT		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.